



Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Charles W. Duncan, Jr.  
The Secretary of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Charles:

Last summer this Agency participated in discussions with 14 other government organizations and the Department of Energy (DOE) to ensure that an adequate and uninterrupted supply of gasoline would be available to carry out essential missions. Although most of the 14 organizations have responsibilities in the areas of law enforcement or defense, this Agency is somewhat unique in that it is a civilian intelligence organization responsive to the President and the National Security Council. During this past summer, the missions of each of the agencies which participated in the discussions were being adversely affected because of the gasoline shortages.

As a result of the first meeting, DOE immediately revised title 10 CFR 211.103, which pertains to the allocation of gasoline. This change assures base period usage to law enforcement and defense agencies during periods of fuel shortages.

The Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA's) position at the outset of the discussions was that our mission and status are akin to that of the Department of Defense (DOD). Although the status of DOD and the law enforcement agencies was clarified by the revision, the regulation did not specifically state that the CIA mission is essential and, therefore, included in the change. Subsequent coordination with DOE has established that there is some concern within DOE on CIA's status as a civilian intelligence agency. The purpose of this letter is to ensure that the Agency receives fuel at the 100 percent base period usage level, similar to the allocation of other agencies performing essential services.

Our facilities are widely disbursed throughout the Washington Metropolitan area, as are those of our consumers. Traditionally, we have relied on the use of private automobiles for official purposes, supplemented with a small pool of official vehicles. As gasoline becomes more scarce and costly, our employees have turned to the Agency to provide the transportation for official needs. As a result, our requirement for official transportation is increasing, and it is essential that the Agency continue to receive the gasoline it needs to do its job. I would appreciate your certification relative to our allocation level.

Yours,

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